# INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, made this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003 between the undersigned party, Steve Pappas, whose mailing address is 44 87<sup>th</sup>. Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209 (hereinafter referred to as the "CLIENT"), and MEDITRON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, a registered investment adviser, whose principal mailing address is 280 Park Avenue, 39<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Building, New York, New York 10017 (hereinafter referred to as the "ADVISER").

# 1. Scope of Engagement.

- (a) The CLIENT hereby appoints the ADVISER as an Investment Adviser to perform the services hereinafter described, and the ADVISER accepts such appointment. The ADVISER shall be responsible for the investment and reinvestment of those assets designated by the CLIENT to be subject to the ADVISER's management (which assets, together with all additions, substitutions and/or alterations thereto are hereinafter referred to as the "Assets" or "Account");
- (b) The CLIENT delegates to the ADVISER all of its powers with regard to the investment and reinvestment of the Assets and appoints the ADVISER as the CLIENT's attorney and agent in fact with full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the Assets in the CLIENT's name for the Account;
- (c) The ADVISER is authorized, without prior consultation with the CLIENT, to buy, sell, and trade in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other securities and/or contracts relating to the same, on margin (only if written authorization has been granted) or otherwise, and to give instructions in furtherance of such authority to the registered broker-dealer and the custodian of the Assets;
- (d) CLIENT authorizes ADVISER to respond to inquiries from, and communicate and share information with, CLIENT's attorney, accountant and other professionals to the extent necessary in furtherance of ADVISER's services under this Agreement;

  (e) The CLIENT agrees to provide information and/or documentation
- requested by ADVISER in furtherance of this Agreement as pertains to CLIENT's objectives, needs and goals, and to keep ADVISER informed of any changes regarding same. The CLIENT acknowledges that ADVISER cannot adequately perform its services for the CLIENT unless the CLIENT diligently performs his responsibilities under this Agreement. ADVISER shall not be required to verify any information obtained from the CLIENT, CLIENT's attorney, accountant or other professionals, and is expressly

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- (f) The CLIENT acknowledges and understands that the services to be provided by ADVISER under this Agreement are limited to: (1) the management of the Assets; and, (2) ongoing financial planning and/or consultation services (only to the extent that the CLIENT had previously engaged the ADVISER to provide financial planning and/or related consultation services, unless otherwise determined by ADVISER) for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising ADVISER's previous recommendations and/or services relative to a change in the CLIENT's financial situation and/or investment objectives. In the event that the CLIENT requires additional financial planning and/or consultation services, the ADVISER may determine to charge for such additional services, the dollar amount of which shall be set forth in a separate written notice to the CLIENT; and
- (g) Financial Planning Service(s). With respect to ADVISER's financial planning and consulting services, the CLIENT: (i) is free at all times to accept or reject any recommendation from ADVISER, and the CLIENT acknowledges that he/she has the sole authority with regard to the implementation, acceptance, or rejection of any recommendation or advice from ADVISER; (ii) is free to obtain legal, accounting, and brokerage services from any professional source to implement the recommendations of ADVISER. CLIENT will retain absolute discretion over all implementation decisions; and (iii) maintains sole responsibility to notify the ADVISER if there is a change in his/her/their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising ADVISER's previous recommendations and/or services.

## 2. Adviser Compensation.

- (a) The ADVISER's annual fee for investment management services provided under this Agreement shall be a percentage (%) of the market value of the Assets under management in accordance with the fee schedule and made a part hereof as Schedule "A". This annual fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the Assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without prior written notification to the CLIENT;
- (b) CLIENT authorizes the Custodian of the Assets to charge the Account for the amount of the ADVISER's fee and to remit such fee to the ADVISER in accordance with required SEC procedures:
- (c) In addition to ADVISER's annual investment management fee, the CLIENT shall also incur, relative to all mutual fund purchases, charges imposed directly at the mutual fund level (e.g. advisory fees and other fund expenses); and
- (d) No portion of Adviser Compensation shall be based on capital gains or capital appreciation of the Assets except as provided for under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- 3. <u>Custodian</u>. The **Assets** shall be held by an independent custodian, not the **ADVISER**. The **ADVISER** is authorized to give instructions to the custodian with respect to all investment decisions regarding the **Assets** and the custodian is hereby authorized and directed to effect transactions, deliver securities, and otherwise take such actions as the **ADVISER** shall direct in connection with the performance of the **ADVISER**'s obligations in respect of the **Assets**.
- 4. Execution of Brokerage Transactions (when applicable). If requested, ADVISER will arrange for the execution of securities brokerage transactions for the Account through broker-dealers that ADVISER reasonably believes will provide "best execution". In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible commission cost but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although ADVISER will seek competitive commission rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for Account transactions.

Consistent with obtaining best execution, transactions for the Account may be effected through broker-dealers in return for research products and/or services which assist ADVISER in its investment decision making process. Such research generally will be used to service all of ADVISER's clients (including accounts that may not generate commissions used to pay for investment research), but brokerage commissions paid by CLIENT may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing the Account. The Account may pay to a broker-dealer a commission greater than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where ADVISER determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received.

Transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless ADVISER decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. ADVISER may (but is not obligated to) combine or "batch" such orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among ADVISER's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among ADVISER's clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. To the extent that the ADVISER determines to aggregate client orders for the purchase or sale of securities, including securities in which ADVISER's principal(s) and/or associated person(s) may invest, the ADVISER shall generally do so in accordance with the parameters set forth in SEC No-Action Letter, SMC Capital, Inc. The ADVISER shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of the aggregation.

The CLIENT may direct ADVISER to use a particular broker-dealer to execute some or all transactions for the Account (subject to ADVISER's right to decline and/or terminate the engagement). In such event, the CLIENT will negotiate terms and arrangements for the Account with that broker-dealer, and ADVISER will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to "batch" CLIENT transactions for execution through other broker-dealers with orders for other accounts managed by ADVISER. As a result, CLIENT may pay higher commissions or other transaction costs or

greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the Account than would otherwise be the case. In the event that the transactions for the Account are effected through a broker-dealer that refers investment management clients to the ADVISER, the potential for conflict of interest may arise.

### 5. Account Transactions.

- (a) The CLIENT recognizes and agrees that in order for ADVISER to discharge its responsibilities, it must engage in securities brokerage transactions described in paragraph 1 herein;
  - (b) Commissions and/or transaction fees are generally charged for effecting securities transactions;
- (c) In return for effecting securities brokerage transactions through certain broker-dealers, ADVISER may receive from those broker-dealers certain investment research products and/or services which assist ADVISER in its investment decision making process for the CLIENT, all of which transactions shall be in compliance with Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (d) The brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees charged to CLIENT for securities brokerage transactions are exclusive of, and in addition to, *Adviser Compensation* as defined in paragraph 2 hereof.
- 6. <u>Risk Acknowledgment</u>. **ADVISER** does not guarantee the future performance of the **Account** or any specific level of performance, the success of any investment recommendation or strategy that **ADVISER** may take or recommend for the **Account**, or the success of **ADVISER**'s overall management of the **Account**. **CLIENT** understands that investment recommendations for the **Account** by **ADVISER** are subject to various market, currency, economic, political and business risks, and that those investment decisions will not always be profitable.
- 7. <u>Directions to the Adviser</u>. All directions, instructions and/or notices from the CLIENT to the ADVISER shall be in writing, including notification of a change in the CLIENT's investment objective(s). The ADVISER shall be fully protected in relying upon any direction, notice, or instruction until it has been duly advised in writing of changes therein.
- 8. Adviser Liability. Except as otherwise provided by federal or state securities laws, the ADVISER, acting in good faith, shall not be liable for any action, omission, investment recommendation/decision, or loss in connection with this Agreement including, but not limited to, the investment of the Assets, or the acts and/or omissions of other professionals or third party service providers recommended to the CLIENT by the ADVISER, including a broker-dealer and/or custodian. If the Account contains only a portion of the CLIENT's total assets, ADVISER shall only be responsible for those assets that the CLIENT has designated to be the subject of the ADVISER's investment management services under this Agreement without consideration to those additional assets not so designated by the CLIENT.
- 9. <u>Proxies.</u> The **ADVISER** (unless the **CLIENT** directs otherwise in writing) shall be responsible for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities beneficially owned by the **CLIENT** shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the **Assets. ADVISER** is authorized to instruct the Custodian to forward to the **ADVISER** copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to the **Assets**.
- 10. Reports. The ADVISER and/or Account custodian shall provide the CLIENT with periodic reports for the Account.
- 11. <u>Termination</u>. This **Agreement** will continue in effect until terminated by either party by written notice to the other (email notice will not suffice), which written notice must be signed by the terminating party. Termination of this **Agreement** will not affect (i) the validity of any action previously taken by **ADVISER** under this **Agreement**; (ii) liabilities or obligations of the parties from transactions initiated before termination of this **Agreement**; or (iii) **CLIENT**'s obligation to pay advisory fees (prorated through the date of termination). Upon the termination of this **Agreement**, **ADVISER** will have no obligation to recommend or take any action with regard to the securities, cash or other investments in the **Account**.

- 12. <u>Assignment</u>. This **Agreement** may not be assigned (within the meaning of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940) by either the **CLIENT** or the **ADVISER** without the prior written consent of the other party. The **CLIENT** acknowledges and agrees that transactions that do not result in a change of actual control or management of the **ADVISER** shall not be considered an assignment pursuant to Rule 202(a)(1)-1 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- 13. Non-Exclusive Management. ADVISER, its officers, employees, and agents, may have or take the same or similar positions in specific investments for their own accounts, or for the accounts of other clients, as the ADVISER does for the Assets. CLIENT expressly acknowledges and understands that ADVISER shall be free to render investment advice to others and that ADVISER does not make its investment management services available exclusively to CLIENT. Nothing in this Agreement shall impose upon the ADVISER any obligation to purchase or sell, or to recommend for purchase or sale, for the Account any security which the ADVISER, its principals, affiliates or employees, may purchase or sell for their own accounts or for the account of any other client, if in the reasonable opinion of the ADVISER such investment would be unsuitable for the Account or if the ADVISER determines in the best interest of the Account it would be impractical or undesirable.
- 14. <u>Death or Disability</u>. The death, disability or incompetency of CLIENT will not terminate or change the terms of this Agreement. However, CLIENT's executor, guardian, attorney-in-fact or other authorized representative may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to ADVISER. The CLIENT recognizes that the custodian may not permit any further Account transactions until such time as any documentation required is provided by the custodian.
- 15. Arbitration. Subject to the conditions and exceptions noted below, and to the extent not inconsistent with applicable law, in the event of any dispute pertaining to ADVISER's services under this Agreement cannot be resolved by mediation, both ADVISER and CLIENT agree to submit the dispute to arbitration in accordance with the auspices and rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), provided that the AAA accepts jurisdiction. ADVISER and CLIENT understand that such arbitration shall be final and binding, and that by agreeing to arbitration, both ADVISER and CLIENT are waiving their respective rights to seek remedies in court, including the right to a jury trial. CLIENT acknowledges that CLIENT has had a reasonable opportunity to review and consider this arbitration provision prior to the execution of this Agreement. CLIENT acknowledges and agrees that in the specific event of non-payment of any portion of Adviser Compensation pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Agreement, ADVISER, in addition to the aforementioned arbitration remedy, shall be free to pursue all other legal remedies available to it under law, and shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable attorneys fees and other costs of collection.
- Disclosure Statement. The CLIENT hereby acknowledges prior receipt of a copy of the Disclosure Statement of the ADVISER as same is set forth on Part II of Form ADV (Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration). CLIENT further acknowledges that CLIENT has had a reasonable opportunity (i.e. at least 48 hours) to review said Disclosure Statement, and to discuss the contents of same with professionals of his choosing, prior to the execution of this Agreement. If the CLIENT has not received a copy of the ADVISER's Disclosure Statement at least 48 hours prior to execution of this Agreement, the CLIENT shall have 5 business days from the date of execution of this Agreement to terminate ADVISER's services without penalty.
- 17. <u>Severability</u>. Any term or provision of this **Agreement** which is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without rendering invalid or unenforceable the remaining terms or provisions of this **Agreement** or affecting the validity or enforceability of any of the terms or provisions of this **Agreement** in any other jurisdiction.
- 18. <u>Client Conflicts</u>. If this Agreement is between the ADVISER and related clients (i.e. husband and wife, life partners, etc.), ADVISER's services shall be based upon the joint goals communicated to the ADVISER. ADVISER shall be permitted to rely upon instructions from either party with respect to

disposition of the Assets, unless and until such reliance is revoked in writing to the ADVISER. The ADVISER shall not be responsible for any claims or damages resulting from such reliance or from any change in the status of the relationship between the clients.

- 19. Privacy Notice. The CLIENT acknowledges prior receipt of the ADVISER's Privacy Notice.
- 20. Entire Agreement/Applicable Law. This Agreement supersedes and replaces, in its entirety, all previous investment advisory agreement(s) between the parties. To the extent not inconsistent with applicable law, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. In addition, to the extent not inconsistent with applicable law, the venue (i.e. location) for the resolution of any dispute or controversy between ADVISER and CLIENT shall be the City of New York, State of New York.
- 21. <u>Referral Fees</u>. If the CLIENT was introduced to the ADVISER through a Solicitor, the ADVISER may pay that Solicitor a referral fee in accordance with Rule 206(4)-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The referral fee shall be paid solely from Adviser Compensation as defined in this Agreement, and shall not result in any additional charge to the CLIENT. The CLIENT acknowledges receipt of the written disclosure statement disclosing the terms of the solicitation arrangement between the ADVISER and the Solicitor, including the compensation to be received by the Solicitor from the ADVISER.
- 22. <u>Authority</u>. The CLIENT acknowledges that he/she/they/it has (have) all requisite legal authority to execute this **Agreement**, and that there are no encumbrances on the **Assets**. The CLIENT correspondingly agrees to immediately notify the **ADVISER**, in writing, in the event that either of these representations should change.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CLIENT and ADVISER have each executed this Agreement on the day, month and year first above written.

MEDITRON ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

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#### Schedule A

The assets which shall be managed under the Agreement are s follows:

Certain financial holdings of: Steve Pappas as per Trust Agreement: Approximately \$2,500,000 (Two-Million-Five-Hundred-Thousand U.S. dollars).

• The ADVISER's annual fee for investment management services provided under this Agreement shall be a percentage of the market value of the Assets under management as shown below. This annual fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the Assets on the last business day of the previous quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without prior written notification to the CLIENT.

## Equity and Balanced Accounts

1% per annum of the first \$10 million 3/4 of 1% per annum of the next \$10 million 1/2 of 1% per annum of the next \$10 million negotiable thereafter

- (a) Upon termination of this Agreement, if other than on a Fee Calculation Date, Meditron Asset Management, LLC shall be entitled to charge a proportionate part of the fee for the period from the immediately preceding Fee Calculation Date to and including the date of termination.
- (b) The fee shall be payable to Meditron Asset Management, LLC following receipt by the CLIENT or CLIENT'S custodian of the Adviser's invoice. If not paid by separate check, CLIENT agrees that the fees will be automatically deducted from one of the CLIENT'S accounts and wire transferred in accordance with instructions provided by the ADVISER.